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SUMMARY: APR 13 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED PROVISIONAL
MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) CHAIRMAN, LTCOL
MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM APRIL 12 ADDRESS TO NATION,
ACCUSING SUDANESE "DICTATOR" NIMEIRY OF OPEN, ARMED INTER-
VENTION IN ETHIOPIA. MENGISTU NOTED SUDANESE RULER,
SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM AND REACTIONARY
ARAB REGIMES, ARMING AND PROVIDING ARTILLERY AND TANK
FIRE SUPPORT FOR THOSE COMMITTING AGGRESSION AGAINST
ETHIOPIA. MENGISTU LISTED TOWNS IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN
ETHIOPIA WHERE FOREIGN FORCES HAD SUPPORTED AGGRESSION
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AND ADDED FORCEFULLY, "INVOLABLE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
AND UNASSAILABLE UNITY OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY MOTHERLAND
IS BEING VIOLATED AT THIS HOUR BY FOREIGN INVADING
FORCE". MENGISTU ALSO NOTED SUDANESE SUPPORT BEING
GIVEN TO ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDU) AND
ERITREAN SECESSIONISTS. MENGISTU STRONGLY ATTACKED
NIMEIRY THROUGHOUT SPEECH. IN COMPANION ARTICLE

TITLED, "NIMEIRY: A CIA AGENT" HERALD WRITER ACCUSED NIMEIRY OF BEING IMPERIALIST PUPPET, PAID BY CIA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PATRIOTIC EXHORTATION TO ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE, PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU ACCUSED SUDAN OF INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ARMED INTERVENTION IN ETHIOPIA. SUDANESE "DICTATORIAL" RULER EL NIMEIRY CHARGED WITH USING EDU, EPRP AND SECESSIONIST ANTI-PEOPLE ORGANIZATIONS IN ERITREA, ALL OF WHOM BROAD MASSES' CONFIRMED CLASS ENEMIES, TO VIOLATE OPENLY HONOR AND ENTITY OF ETHIOPIA, AND TO DISRUPT UNITY OF REVOLUTION. MENGISTU CONTENDED NOT ONLY ARE THESE GROUPS BEING ARMED BUT ALSO BEING PROVIDED WITH ARTILLERY AND TANK FIRE SUPPORT BY SUDAN. HE CHARGED, EVEN AT THIS HOUR REVOLUTIONARY MOTHERLAND BEING VIOLATED BY FOREIGN ARMED INTERVENTION. NIMEIRY DEPLOYING SUDANESE ARMY ALONG WITH ERITREAN RUN-AWAYS AND EDU TO ATTACK OPPRESSED ETHIOPIAN PEASANTS AND MEN-IN-UNIFORM.

2. TURNING TO EGYPT, MENGISTU STATED IT NOW CLEAR PURPOSE OF EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT WAS TO STRENGTHEN NIMEIRY'S HAND IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST ETHIOPIA. MENGISTU ALLEGED AIM OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS TO DISRUPT ETHIOPIAN UNITY, SEVER ERITREA FROM MOTHERLAND, AND BRING RED SEA UNDER "THEIR" CONTROL, I.E., INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISTS, REACTIONARY NEIGHBORS, AND NIMEIRY.
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3. MENGISTU ATTACKED NIMEIRY FOR EDU AND ELF PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS OVER ONDURMAN RADIO. HE LISTED TOWNS IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN ETHIOPIA; TESSENEY, UM HAGER, NACFA, AFABET, SETIT-HUMERA, ADDERAFAI, AND METEMA, WHERE FOREIGN FORCES HAD SUPPORTED AGGRESSION. MENGISTU ADDED, NIMEIRY REALIZES THAT "IF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION GETS THREE MORE MONTHS OF LIFE AT PRESENT DEPTH, DECISIVENESS AND SPEED, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE." THEREFORE, NIMEIRY HAS OPENLY AGREED TODISMANTLE ETHIOPIAN UNITY AND REVERSE REVOLUTION WITHIN NEXT THREE MONTHS.

4. MENGISTU STATED VIOLATIONS WILL BE MADE KNOWN AND AN EMERGENCY CALL OF MOTHERLAND WILL BE ADDRESSED TO MASSES WITHIN SHORT TIME TO DEFEND COUNTRY. HE IDENTIFIED ETHIOPIA WILL ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES AND SAID ETHIOPIA HAS NEVER ATTEMPTED TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY NOR SHALL IT EVER DO SO.

5. COMPANION ARTICLE IN ETHIOPIAN HERALD ACCUSED NIMEIRY OF ACTING CONTRARY TO INTERESTS OF BLACK AFRICA, AND OF ETHIOPIA ESPECIALLY. HE ALSO ACCUSED OF BEING INSTRUMENT OF REACTIONARIES AND TOOL OF IMPERIALISM. NIMEIRY SAID TO BE ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO, WHICH BREEDS HIS "AUTHORITARIAN DESPOTISM." DESPITE HIS IMPERIALIST ALLIANCE AND OIL RICH ARAB AIDES, EXPLOITED MASSES OF SUDAN WILL REVOLT AGAINST HIS REPRESSIVE RULE. ARTICLE CONCLUDED NIMEIRY IMPERIALIST PUPPET PAID BY CIA, BEING USED AS MERE TOOL TO REVIVE FEUDALISTS' INTERESTS IN ETHIOPIA.

6. COMMENT: MENGISTU SPEECH FRANK EXPOSITION OF ETHIOPIA'S INCREASINGLY GRAVE PROBLEM ALONG SUDANESE BORDER, AND STRONG INVOCATION OF OAU AND UN PRINCIPLES OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THREE-MONTH PERIOD REFERRED
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TO BY MENGISTU PROBABLY AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY BEFORE ETHIOPIAN TROOPS WHICH NOW BEING TRAINED, ARE READY FOR DUTY. ACCEPTANCE OF POSSIBLE CONSCRIPTION FOR ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES COULD BE FUTURE INDICATION OF DEGREE OF SUPPORT ENJOYED BY PMA. STRONG ATTACK AGAINST NIMEIRY NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF ETHIOPIAN PERCEPTION THAT SUDANESE-SUPPORTED INSURGENCIES MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM NOW CONFRONTING GOVT.
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